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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

PETITION FOR WITHDRAWAL OF PROVISIONAL HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.181(a)(1)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.181(a)(1) and MPEP 711.03(c), Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to withdraw the provisional holding of abandonment mailed September 19, 2005 in regard to the above-captioned application.

During a September 23, 2005 telephone conference between Examiner Audet and the undersigned, it was determined that the Patent Office records show that a Notice of Allowance was mailed on October 6, 2004, setting a due date of January 6, 2005 for payment of the issue fee and publication fee. However, the Notice of Allowance was not received by the undersigned. A search of the file jacket and the docket records indicates that the Notice of Allowance was not received. A copy of the Nixon & Vanderhye P.C. computer docket for this case, along with a copy of the back-up docket book pages for January 6, 2005, where an entry for payment of the issue fee and publication fee would have been docketed if the Notice of Allowance had been

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received, are attached hereto as Appendix A and Appendix B, respectively. The computer docket (Appendix A) shows the last document received from the USPTO being the Official Filing Receipt on June 7, 2004. No entry appears in the computer docket for receipt of the Notice of Allowance and no entry appears for this case in the back-up docket book (Appendix B) on January 6, 2005 for payment of the issue fee and publication fee. The computer docket shows a status call-up for September 25, 2005, which would have been satisfied with the submission of a Status Request had the Notice of Allowance not been received by that date. In addition, the computer docket shows a one month call up for October 19, 2005 with respect to the Notice of Abandonment received in the case.

Had Nixon & Vanderhye P.C. received a Notice of Allowance, the computer docket and the back-up docket book would have reflected receipt of such. However, as can be seen from the attached Appendices A and B, there is no indication that a Notice of Allowance was received in this case.

Because the provisional holding of abandonment is in error as the Notice of Allowance was never received by Nixon & Vanderhye P.C., it is respectfully submitted that no fees are necessary to effect withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment and reinstatement of the application to pending status. However, should any fees be due (it is believed that this should not be required), the undersigned authorizes charging of Deposit Account No. 14-1140, order number 4137-33, in order to effect entry of this Petition, withdrawal of the Notice of Abandonment, mailing of the Notice of Allowance and restarting the period for payment of the issue fee.

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Should there be any question regarding this Petition, the Patent Office personnel in charge of this matter is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Favorable action on this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C.

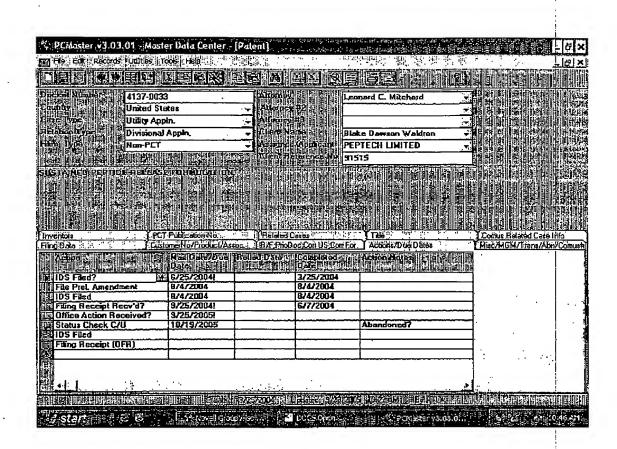
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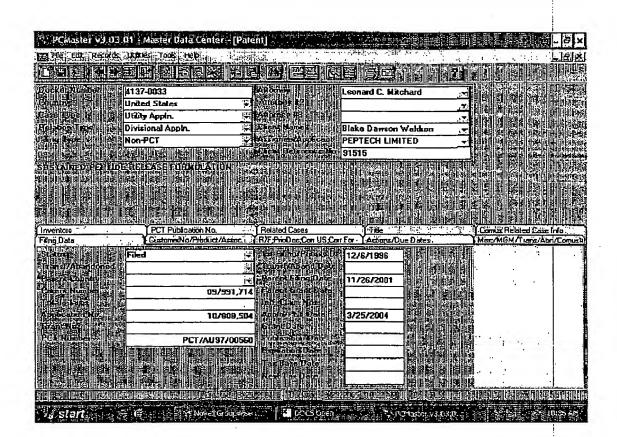
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Attachments: Appendices A and B



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